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TO: Director of Intelligence Research
Department of State
FROM: Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates
SUBJECT: Cities Project

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1. In connection with cooperation between [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted], this office has been requested to prepare an extensive study of a number of cities in the Soviet Union. The outline of the information desired calls for a considerable amount of basic research in cities that appear to be largely of primary interest to agencies other than [redacted]. This office is therefore acting as coordinator for the project and is breaking down the original outline into the parts appropriate to the basic responsibility of the other agencies. There is attached a copy of these parts of the outline that appear to fall within the primary interest of [redacted].

2. It is understood that there is no definite deadline for the completion of the complete project. Rather the reporter needs a steady flow of the various parts of the outline pertaining to the two or three top priority cities as these parts are finished. It is also understood that the order of priority may be changed from time to time and that other cities may be added to the list.

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3. In continuation of the cooperation with [redacted], it is requested that [redacted] enter on or about 15 June, the study of the Soviet cities in the following order of priority and in accordance with the attached outline.

1. Leningrad
2. Moscow
3. Gorki
4. Rostov
5. Cherepovets (Cherepovets)
6. Novosibirsk (Novosibirsk)
7. Vilnius (Vilnius, Vilno)
8. Riga (Riga, Roonigaborg)
9. Grodno (Grodno)
10. Minsk

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11. Vermont
12. Tongareva (Swins)
13. Fiji
14. Barbados
15. Elav

4. A meeting will be called within the near future to develop working arrangements between the GSI project coordinator and the person in GSI supervising State's part of the project.

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